Chair’s Welcome

This year’s newsletter appears in the midst of unusual times, with the department much emptier and quieter than it would normally be.

The global COVID-19 pandemic reached Victoria back in March of this year, and since then we have all had to adjust to new ways of working and living. Thanks to all of the instructors, TAs, and support staff who have made the switch to online teaching a success. We were able to accommodate a record number of students in our courses this summer, and we are currently running 26 online undergraduate courses this term. We are grateful for the fact that we have been able to offer our graduate courses in person this term, and that our new cohort of graduate students has been able to embark on their studies with a minimum of disruption.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the past year has been the hiring of three new faculty members, which represents a significant renewal of the department’s faculty. We are pleased to welcome Midori Ogasawara, Katelin Albert, and Anelyse Weiler to the department, and you can read more about Katelin and Anelyse in this newsletter. It is especially nice in our itinerant profession to welcome both Katelin and Anelyse back ‘home’ to Vancouver Island, and we look forward to Midori’s arrival on January 1st.

Other recent highlights include Bill Carroll’s election to the Royal Society of Canada, Cecilia Benoit being awarded the Killam Prize, and Min Zhou being named the Early Career Lansdowne Fellow in the Social Sciences. Congratulations to all three. At the same time, we note with sadness the passing of Adjunct Professor Jim Hackler in April. After a long career at the University of Alberta, Jim was a member of our department for over 20 years.

At the time of writing, it seems that the pandemic will be with us for some time yet, and quite what the next year will bring is uncertain. However, the department remains strong and, working together, I feel confident that we will emerge from this period with both a renewed commitment to the value of sociological research in these times, and a renewed sense of appreciation for what we do and our ability to do it.

Finally, thanks once again to Ruth Kampen for her work in putting together the newsletter this year in difficult times.

~ Steve Garlick

Signs of the Times

The university and the department look quite different: the walkways and hallways are quiet with most classes online, and visual COVID-19 safety reminders are everywhere. Questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 protocols? Here’s what UVic has in place.

NOTE: The main office hours are also reduced: Aileen is in Mon/Tue/Thur 9:30am-4:30pm; Ann is in Wed/Fri 10am-2:30pm. Zoe continues to work from home.
Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

William Carroll was elected to the Royal Society of Canada, as a Fellow. Due to COVID, this year’s award ceremony will not be held in person but Bill will give an (online) address to the RSC Celebration of Excellence and Engagement, in November.

From the UVic news article: “A social activist to the core, Carroll has been tracking social movements, analyzing corporate power structures and shining the light on social justice issues around the globe since the ’70s. Whether it is examining efforts to democratize media or investigating the power of the fossil-fuel industry in Western Canada, Carroll is passionate about empowering Canadians toward a more democratic society. His current research is focused around the relationships between corporate power, fossil capitalism and the climate crisis.

He co-leads the “Mapping the Power of the Carbon Extractive Corporate Resource Sector” with Shannon Daub, the executive director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives BC. Carroll and Daub were the 2019 recipients of UVic’s REACH Award for Excellence in Research Partnership. Carroll’s contributions include 13 published books, 74 refereed articles, 53 book chapters and 147 research papers presented at academic conferences around the world.”

Cecilia Benoit earned the 2020 Killam Prize in Social Sciences ($100,000 prize), among Canada’s most prestigious prizes for careers in research. The Canada Council Killam Prize recognizes and celebrates our most inspiring scholars and thought leaders. The Canada Council for the Arts awards five Killam Prizes of $100,000 each year (one prize in each of the fields of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, health sciences, engineering).

As a distinguished social scientist, Cecilia’s work with socially excluded and stigmatized groups, in particular with sex workers, has made important contributions to Canadian public policy in the fields of women’s health, maternity care, and health service equity.

Cecelia also received the 2020 CIHR Trailblazer Award in Population and Public Health Research - Senior Researcher ($12,500 award).

Min Zhou was named the Early Career Lansdowne Scholar for 2020-23 by the Faculty of Social Sciences. Min studies forms of global social change. His numerous publications build upon one another to form a research program that addresses key challenges in today’s global society. Min will explore emerging trends and new challenges, such as his new project on China’s massive internal migration. The Early Career Lansdowne Scholar Award was established for early career researchers and is meant to accelerate the careers of exceptional emerging researchers, who are acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to be international leaders in their field.

Aaron Devor (Chair Transgender Studies) a recipient of the first-ever 50 Distinguished Sexual and Gender Health Revolutionaries award for his service to the field of sexual and gender health.

Nicolas Graham received the Canadian Review of Sociology Best Article Award 2020 for “Canadian Fossil Capitalism and Post-Carbon Futures.”

Getting to know you:
Katelin Albert, Assistant Professor

Tell us a little about yourself – academic background/previous teaching and research focus/positions(s) before UVic, other?

Before coming to UVic, I taught in the department of Sociology at the University of Toronto, Scarborough, and even had a quick summer semester teaching grad contemporary theory at the University of Gondar in Ethiopia. My research background has been varied, being part of projects related to Canadian gender-based refugee claims, gendered family food consumption and shopping habits, to the study of the nature of deliberation. My own research oscillates between sociology of health and medicine, with a focus on vaccine politics, subjectivities, and health behaviours, to theoretical questions and concerns in the sociology of knowledge.

What drew you to UVic? How do you see your “fit” in the department?

I have always wanted to be a part of UVIC. Having studied here in the past, I had always hoped of returning to this school and department as a researcher and educator. I am deeply impressed with its tangible commitment to Indigeneity and its relationships with international schools and programs. I think my fit in the sociology department extends to many areas. As a health scholar, my work looks at medicine and health technologies at different life stages, particularly at the ways in which health knowledge and information is linked between people (like parents and children, for example). On the periphery, my work ties in with other areas – family, risk and surveillance, genders and sexualities, public safety, education and sex-ed, and STS. With social theory at the forefront, my work cuts across many substantive areas, and also affords my
deep curiosity and investment in epistemologies and diverse methodological approaches.

**What is your current research program focused on?**
When I first knew I would be joining UVIC, my plan was to extend my diary study of campus based unwanted sexual experiences, but with COVID-19 disrupting our lives, I shifted my focus. With support from the UVIC Dean’s office and a private donor, I received a grant to get a new project up off the ground that looks at public perception of COVID-19 and a potential COVID-19 vaccination in BC. I am currently over half-way through data collection (via semi-structured zoom interviews) and see this as a small start to what I hope will grow into a larger project. As of right now, my focus is on i) understanding British Columbians’ COVID-19 related health behaviours, with a particular focus on their perception of safety and risk, and ii) getting a general sense of attitudes towards a potential COVID-19 vaccine. My hope is that by understanding, early on, people’s attitudes towards a potential COVID-19 vaccine, my findings can help direct public health and inform campaigns that can best promote vaccination uptake. I am also excited that Dr. Garry Gray will join me on this project as it moves forward!

In other work, I have a new co-authored publication out with Jonah Stuart Brundage and Paige Sweet (University of Michigan) and Frédérik Vandenberghe (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro), titled, “Towards a critical realist epistemology?” in the Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour.

**What courses are you teaching in the Fall and Spring?**
This fall I am teaching two courses. The first is Soc 503 (Foundations of Sociological Explanations) which has been such a delight to teach. I have shaken up the canon a bit and re-introduced some important, yet often forgotten, social theorists like Harriet Martineau, Jane Addams, Julia Anna Cooper, and Ida B. Wells-Barnett. The second course is SOC 432, which is the upper year health course. This course, as I am currently teaching it, could really be titled, Gender, Race, and Medicine. This course examines the relationships among sex, gender, race, health, and modern medicine. It looks at the ways that social relations like gender, race, ethnicity, and ideas of “culture” organize health and medicine, but also how medical systems and health practices create and organize them as well. Students have been reading great material from Steve Epstein’s Inclusion, Kim TallBear’s work on Indigenous DNA and citizenship, to Georgiann Davis’s excellent work on the contested diagnosis of Intersexed bodies. In the Spring I am teaching SOC 285, Health over the Life Course, which I am very excited for!

**Tell us how your online teaching is going this term?**
For me, so far, online teaching has been going well. I think this is part due to the fact that I am teaching a small seminar at the 4th year level, and the students are engaged and committed.

I think I will encounter a few more surprises and difficulties as I move into a 200-level course in the spring, with many more students and with it being such a different format.

**What are the best parts about teaching and/or why is teaching important to you?**
In general, teaching is very important to me, and I am a space where a lot of empowerment and equity work can occur. The best parts about teaching are watching students have those “ah ha” moments and where they start to believe in themselves. For example, my assignment for my 4th year seminar is a scaffolded or “nested” assignment where students gradually work towards developing a full research paper (a critical content analysis). Each draft they get feedback from me and they’re not only required to add new sections each time, but to also revise previous section. I am only saying all this because it’s an example of how I get to watch students discover their ability to write, think, revise, and learn. Writing, research, thinking, revisions – they’re all skills, and I truly hope to reach all students this way.

**How does your teaching complement your research (and research complement your teaching)?**
Well, it helps that I teach in the same areas as I research. That said, when I build syllabi, I always try to assign new material that I haven’t read or that I have only recently discovered. This way, I keep on my toes with new research and current conversations. I am also so lucky to teach theory. It keeps it all fresh in my mind and helps me continue to think about big picture questions that I want to prioritize in my research.

**What do you hope your students will remember long after the final exam?**
I hope students keep the critical eye. One student in my 4th year health class said to me last week, ‘if there’s one thing I’ll take away from this course, it is to question the nature of natural biology, and normalcy in medicine.’ Using Bourdieu’s language, I hope they continue to think about the arbitrariness of naturalness, which extends to the body and social relations, but also to how we classify, measure, and diagnose. For grad students, I truly hope that they remember to keep creativity and theorizing front and center. While it is very important to immerse our work in the classics and the thoughts of contemporary thinkers and data vis-à-vis ‘the context of justification,’ I also hope they remember the importance of the context and processes of discovery, as vulnerable as that space may be.

**How have you settled into life in Victoria so far? Favourite restaurant or coffee shop you’ve found?**
Even though I grew up in BC, I forgot how beautiful everything is here! I am so happy to be back and am settling in well because of access to nature during such a difficult time!

*Read an introduction to Anelyse Weller on page 4.*
Getting to know you: Anelyse Weiler, Assistant Professor

Please tell us a little about yourself – academic background/previous teaching and research focus/positions(s) before UVic?

My research focuses on the convergence of social inequalities and environmental crises in the food system, including struggles for viable farming livelihoods and decent work across the food chain. Some examples of my recent research include a policy comparison of Canadian and U.S. migrant farmworker programs, a case study examining the potential for value-added craft cider production to support agrarian careers in the Pacific Northwest, and an analysis of Canadian producers’ perspectives on the ecological and economic challenges of scaling up pasture-raised meat production.

Over the past several years I’ve been based in Toronto, rural Alberta, Penticton, Baltimore, and most recently in Syilx Territory/Kelowna, where I taught at Okanagan College. My PhD (2020) is from the University of Toronto.

What drew you to UVic? How do you see your “fit” in the department?

Because much of my research is interdisciplinary, I appreciate UVic’s emphasis on collaboration across fields, departments and universities. The university’s values around community engagement and social change align with my approach to research and public scholarship. I also respect the UVic community’s ongoing efforts to centre Indigenous leadership and decolonization. I’m excited to contribute to the Sociology department’s research area on Ecology, Global Issues and Social Movements.

What courses are you teaching in the Fall and Spring?

I’m teaching SOCI 374 Qualitative Research Methods this fall and spring, and SOCI 321 Work, Globalization and Labour Movements in the spring. I really enjoy the opportunity to mentor students through their own original qualitative research projects, and I’m looking forward to engaging with students in SOCI 321 on issues that have been magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic such as gendered and racialized care work, income inequality, and employment protections.

What do you hope that your students will remember long after the final exam?

What I hear from many students is that they are awash in an overwhelming volume of information, and that many of the social problems of our time feel insurmountable. I hope my classes and others at UVic provide them with the capacity to critically evaluate the material they encounter, to coherently synthesize knowledge from a broad array of sources, and to appreciate that our knowledge is usually partial and limited. I also hope sociology encourages students to relate contemporary social issues to broader contexts of power, and to approach perspectives other than their own with curiosity and a desire to understand.

To help students grapple with the numerous pressures they are facing, I often dedicate time for students to share tips on life skills such as time management, personal well-being, and active learning techniques.

Finally, I hope sociology students gain inspiration from learning about long-term and often unromantic struggles for social justice. My hope is that students’ time at UVic provides them with concrete opportunities to build relationships and experiences beyond the classroom, allowing them to recognize the valuable skills they can contribute to collectively tackling the urgent social and environmental challenges of our time.

How have you settled into life in Victoria so far? Favourite restaurant or coffee shop you’ve found?

I love running, cycling, hiking, paddling, and gardening, so I’ve been thrilled to move back to the West Coast. I’m a fan of Be Love restaurant, Pender’s Twin Island Cider, and the scones at Fern Cafe.

Anything else you would like to share? (other involvement in the department or university, personal interests/hobbies?)

As a complement to my teaching and research, I contribute to several advocacy organizations focused on food justice, sustainability, and decent work. This includes the B.C. Employment Standards Coalition, Justice for Migrant Workers, Migrant Worker Health Expert Working Group, and Royal Society of Canada Working Group on Migrant Workers and COVID-19.

I’ve also recently joined UVic Faculty for Fossil Fuel Divestment. I’m active on Twitter (@anelysemw), and students can learn more about my work here.
Grant Funding and New Research Projects:

Karen Kobayashi:
Canadian Institutes for Health Research Operating Grant: COVID-19 Mental Health and Substance Use Service Needs and Delivery for Tracking the Prevalence and Incidence of Modifiable Suicide Risk Factors During the COVID-19 Pandemic to Inform Targeted Suicide Prevention in British Columbia. Co-Investigator (Co-Principal Investigators: Brianna Turner and Theone Paterson) ($189,000), 2020-21

BC Ministry of Health Grant for COVID-19 and Frailty. Principal Investigator ($10,000), 2020-21

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Partnership Development Grant for Understanding Precarity in British Columbia (UP-BC). Co-Investigator (Co-Principal Investigators: Kendra Strauss and Iglika Ivanova) ($20,000), 2020-21

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Operating Grant: Frailty and COVID-19 Grant for Frailty & the Incidence and Course of COVID-19 among 500,000 Older Adults in the UK BIOBANK. Co-Investigator (Co-Principal Investigators: Esme Fuller-Thomson and Karen Davison) ($115,000), 2020-22

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Partnership Grant for Addressing social isolation among older immigrants in Canada: Developing multi-level, multi-component interventions to promote connectedness. Co-Investigator/BC Site Lead (Principal Investigator: Sepali Guruge) ($2,500,000), 2020-27


Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Catalyst Grant for Patient-Oriented Research, Building Solutions to Housing Insecurity and Health for Older Women in Vulnerable Circumstances. Co-Investigator (Principal Investigator: Denise Cloutier) ($93,342), 2020-21

President’s Excellence in Service Award (PESA) Nominee (with Holland Gidney and Anne McLaurin, Faculty of Social Sciences Research and Communications Team) – Award announcement postponed due to COVID-19. 2020-21

Aaron Devor:
2020-2025 SSHRC Insight. Grant Collaborator. $303,381.
2020-2024 Silver Gummy Foundation Grant. Co-Principal Applicant. $197,100.
2020-2022 BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Grant. Principal Applicant. $200,000.
2020 CIHR Planning & Dissemination Grant. Co-Principal Applicant, $20,000.
2019-2021 Vancouver Foundation. Team Member. $300,000.
Faculty Research Grants (continued)

Margaret Penning:
Mitacs Research Training Award (Research Trainee: Sabrina Haq), Project Title: The Medicalization of Aging and Health Care during the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic: A Content Analysis of Canadian National Newspaper Coverage. Summer 2020 ($3,000)


Cloutier, D., Halseth, G., Kobayashi, K., Penning, M.J., Sheets, D. & Stadjuhar, K. CIHR Catalyst Grant: Strategies for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) - Building Solutions to Homelessness, Housing Insecurity and Health for Older Women in Vulnerable Circumstances, 2020-21 ($100,000).

Katelin Albert: FOSS COVID-Research Fund Grant for Potential COVID-19 Vaccination: An Early Investigation into Public Opinion $5000 (Interviews and data collection are underway!)

Anelyse Weiler: 2020 University of Victoria Faculty of Social Sciences COVID-19 Research Fund ($5000). My project is focused on migrant agricultural worker housing and intersectionality.

Department Updates

Edwin Hodge
It’s been a busy, busy time for teaching! I’m currently teaching SOCI 100a and SOCI 100b, and the challenge of working with more than 500 online students has been intense! I teach using a hybrid system of synchronous lectures, which are then posted asynchronously for students who are unable to watch live. Tutorials are delivered much the same way. To facilitate community among my students, I’ve created discussion forums on Brightspace and provided space for students to post links to other active communities across Facebook, Discord, and Twitch.

On that note, I now run a weekly Twitch stream – Socioapocalypse – where I play games that have been voted on by my students, and talk about sociology in a casual, positive space. The students and I have been working hard to keep the space light and fun, with great success!

I have been asked by UVic to once again host a 4-part public lecture on the changing nature of borders in North America, as last year, and the year before, were very well attended. In addition, I am delivering a “sample lecture” to high-school students at the end of October, to give them an idea of what courses at UVic are all about.

This past winter, I was also invited to give a public lecture on the role that science fiction plays in the construction of modern mythologies that was very well attended. I had a blast talking about nerdy things with members of the Victoria community.

I have been extremely busy on the media front, especially since the beginning of the pandemic. I’ve been interviewed quite a few times by reporters seeking information on radicalization, extremism, and the growth of conspiracy theories like Qanon. Since March, I’ve fielded interviews from the Canadian Press, National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Toronto Star, Vancouver Sun, Vancouver Star, Global National, Global BC, CHEK news, the CBC, CBC’s Tapestry podcast, El Pais, and a few more that I’ve forgotten. On the one hand, it’s been kind of gratifying to know that people find my work interesting. On the other hand, given my research specialties, my work being relevant means that the world has gone to a very dark place.

Susan McDaniel
After 10 years as founding Director of the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy, and Professor of Sociology at the University of Lethbridge, Susan has left the University of Lethbridge officially as of 1 Sept 2020. She relocated to Victoria in Sept 2019 with a year’s administrative leave from U of Lethbridge.
She is teaching at the University of Victoria this Fall (Sociology 433- Issues of Demography and Families), where she is a Research Affiliate at the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health and an Adjunct Professor of Sociology. She continues as President of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Research Committee on Family, 2018-2022. She has several articles in various stages and is working on two new books.

Barry Edmonston
In conjunction with Eric Fong of the Chinese University of Hong and Shuzhuo Li of Xi’an Jiaotong University, Barry co-organized a conference entitled “Migration, Wellbeing, and Policy” at Xi’an Jiaotong University, Xi’an, China on December 7-8, 2019. Edmonston presented a paper entitled “Asian Immigrant Advancement in Canada” and University of Victoria colleague Sharon M. Lee presented a paper entitled “Canada’s Immigrant Families: Growth, Diversity, and Well-being”. A dozen papers from the conference are forthcoming in a special issue of the Journal of Social Issues, co-edited by Yuying Tong, Edmonston and Fong.

Barry, Sharon, and the late Zheng Wu have a paper entitled “Is There a Cohort Explanation for Declines in Elderly Migration?” to be published in the Canadian Journal on Aging. There have been dramatic declines in the residential mobility of elderly Canadians since 1961. Their paper reports that these declines are, in part, a result of the relatively high geographic mobility of cohorts born between 1906 to 1925, who grew up during the great depression of the 1930s, experienced high rates of mobility during World War II, and moved relatively more than other cohorts during the post-war prosperity period. They began to retire in the 1960s and 1970s, when they continued to be unusually mobile. Edmonston, Lee, and Wu’s paper argues that recent rates are lower, in part because they are being compared to the relatively high elderly mobility rates of the 1906-1925 cohorts.

Barry has a chapter entitled “Population Ageing in Europe: Demographic Lessons” forthcoming in a book edited by Richard Verbugo entitled Demographic Crisis in Europe: Selected Essays, published by IAP Press. His chapter analyzes data for European countries to understand two aspects of population ageing. First, it examines population projections for 28 European countries, plus Norway, for the future implications of population change on ageing. Second, it uses a stationary population model for European countries to consider the effects of mortality, fertility, and international migration on population ageing. The paper discusses the main demographic lessons from the analysis and reiterates the argument that population ageing is more a predicament than a problem and, as such, there is no straightforward demographic policy solution.

Katelin Albert
Teaching Successes — although maybe not necessarily innovative, the online atmosphere has been a great opportunity for students to meet many of the authors of the journal articles and books they are reading. Students in both SOC 432 and SOC 503 have had the opportunity to have question and answer periods with some fantastic authors including Richard Swedberg discussing theorizing in social science, Georgiann Davis discussing her research and book Contesting Intersex, as well as UVic’s own Jean-Paul Restoule discussing ontology, being, and Indigenous Knowledge!

Bill Carroll
Corporate Mapping Project News:
The CMP reluctantly cancelled its Regime of Obstruction conference (May 2020) due to the pandemic. We are planning our third Summer Institute, for next May, which will be centred upon a three-week graduate course that will also be open to honours students (as were our first two Institutes). Interested students can pre-register here.

I have been editing Regime of Obstruction: How Corporate Power Blocks Energy Democracy. Edmonton: Athabasca University Press, scheduled for release in November 2020. The book features research from various streams of this SSHRC Partnership, whose team includes more than 100 researchers and community advisors. I co-direct the CMP with Shannon Daub of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Peyman Vahabzadeh
Aaron Devor
[CBC Podcast] The Secret Life of Canada: “Crash Course on Dr. James Barry and Victoria’s Transgender Archives”
[CBC Podcast] They & Us: “Riot for your Rights”
EGALE Rainbow Table live broadcast (June 25, 2020)
CBC Vancouver Radio Early Edition (June 29, 2020)
Police and Pride: Why activists say celebrations need to stay political
(CBC News) (June 29) The Early Edition (CBC Vancouver) On the Island
(CBC Victoria)

Aaron and UVic’s Transgender Archives were featured in the documentary film, “Sex, Sin & 69.” The film has been officially selected for the 2020 Inside Out LGBT Film Festival, full details: https://bit.ly/33IbzCO
They were also featured in a CBC Vancouver documentary, “Four Canadian Transgender Activists You Should Know.”

Anelyse Weiler
OpEd: Let’s accept migrant farmworkers as members of our food community. (Toronto Star) Sept.9
Why Canada hires thousands of migrant farm workers (National Observer), Aug.27
Impact of COVID-19 on migrant workers (CBC News)
Interviewed for an article in Maison Neuvre

Cecilia Benoit
Maternity care in Canada (Newstalk 1010) June 17
Pandemic Brings Renewed Focus to Sex Workers’ Rights (The Tyee) June 8

Edwin Hodge
Facebook cracks down on QAnon (Global News) Oct.9
QAnon conspiracy theorists, far-right group join Vancouver anti-mask rally (Global News) Sept.14
COVID-19: Social media use goes up as country stays indoors (Victoria News)

Garry Gray
Pandemic policing: Does increase in calls means spike in crime? (CHEK News) Apr.20

Karen Kobayashi
New COVID-19 survey stats may not reflect elder islanders state of mind (National Observer) Apr.24
Older refugees more likely to struggle with depression, even decades after coming to Canada (CTV News) Jan.24

Nicolas Graham
Public Officials Faced ‘Organized and Sustained’ Oil and Gas Lobbying on Pipelines in Recent Years: Study. (The Vancouver Sun) Nov 5, 2019.

Peyman Vahabzadeh

Susan McDaniel
Military report on long-term care homes (CBC Radio)

Tamara Humphreys
Fake test kits and other coronavirus scams preying on public’s pandemic anxiety (Globe and Mail) Apr 2
New Graduate Students in our Department

The department is very excited to welcome the graduate cohort, consisting of 10 MA students and 2 PhD students (one will join in January 2021). Their names, supervisor, former educational institution and research areas of interest are listed below. We wish all students a successful year!

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<td>William Carroll</td>
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<td>Mandana Karimi</td>
<td>Peyman Vahabzadeh &amp; Martha McMahon</td>
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<td>Critically explore different sociological approaches to climate change and environmental issues; ways in which the ontological move in the social sciences is being incorporated into the sociological study of water related issues;</td>
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<td>Fiona McNeill-Knowles</td>
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<td>Dyana Sonik-Henderson</td>
<td>Steve Garlick</td>
<td>University of Victoria</td>
<td>Gender and performance, specifically in the field of dance and movement; deconstruction of the narrative surrounding gendered movement in the hopes of discovering a clearer understanding of why and how specific movement qualities, and, in turn, activities become gendered and part of societal narration</td>
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<td>Social influences, social structures, and how these impact ethical behaviour; how unethical behaviour is conceptualized and how it can be observed everyday in the healthcare and education systems</td>
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Graduate Student News

Current Graduate Student Awards:

**SSHRC:**
- Kazi Sabrina Haq (PhD)
- John Mills (MA)

**Other student awards/scholarships:**
- Kazi Sabrina Haq (PhD) – 2020 President’s Fellowship in Research Enriched Teaching Award, University of Victoria & Mitacs Research Training Award
- Finn Deschner (MA) – BC Graduate Scholarship

**Donor Awards:**
- Sean Browning – Robert Hagedorn Graduate Scholarship
- Grace Li – Bob & Kay Lane Scholarship
- Tucker Farris – John & Myrtle Tilley Graduate Scholarship

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Hone your application skills:
The CSA Student Concerns Subcommittee is excited to announce the launch of our 2020-2021 Professional Development Webinar Series with our first panel, “Writing Winning Scholarship and Grant Applications,” featuring Carlo Handy Charles, Dr. Yoko Yoshida, and Dr. Rima Wilkes!

This webinar will address how to prepare and think about grant writing/scholarship applications, how to structure a convincing argument, and where to seek feedback. Panelists will also discuss how to best approach different evaluation criteria (e.g., research potential, leadership/community engagement, academic excellence) to help students better position themselves for success.

The webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18 from 2:30-4pm ET**. Please [click here](#) to register (CSA membership is not required to register).

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Recent MA Graduate Defences:

**Jason Miller** - January 6, 2020, “Narrative Assembly and the NFL Anthem Protest Controversy” (Supervisor: William Carroll, Member: William Little)

**Tara Lise Erb** – April 22, 2020, “Facilitating Indigenous cultural safety and anti-racism training: Affect and the emergence of new relationships and social change” (Supervisor: Andre Smith)

**Mikaela N. Brooks** – August 14, 2020, “Causing More Harm than Good? Characterizing harm reduction policy beliefs in British Columbia” (Supervisor: Garry Gray, Member: Bernie Pauly)

**Celeste M. Morales** – August 17, 2020, “Public Policy and Political Parties: A Qualitative Analysis of Homelessness and Poverty Reduction Frameworks in British Columbia” (Co-supervisors Peyman Vahabzadeh & Garry Gray)

**Mark J. Shakespear** – August 20, 2020, “Renewed Power to the People? The Political Ecology of Canadian Energy Transitions” (Supervisor: William Carroll, Members: Peyman Vahabzadeh, Martha McMahon)

**Chelsea Power** – August 21, 2020, “Multispecies Ecofeminism: Ecofeminist Flourishing of the Twenty-First Century” (Supervisor: Martha McMahon, Member: William Carroll)

**Nicola Temmel** – August 21, 2020, “TRANS-FORMING WOMEN’S SHELTERS: Making Transition Houses Safe and Accessible for Trans Women” (Supervisor: Aaron Devor, Member: Andre Smith)
Hello all! I’m coming at you with a positive update from my post-grad school life, in case you are in need of some mid-semester encouragement.

After spending the spring and summer months finishing up my master’s thesis, I had a successful thesis defence in August 2020, which was held virtually, of course (current grad students: it wasn’t nearly as terrifying as I thought it would be!). My research involved a qualitative policy analysis of homelessness and poverty reduction frameworks in B.C., two issues that I am very passionate about.

After months of applying for jobs, which as many of you probably know is a near-futile endeavour during a pandemic, I am thrilled to report that I joined the Vancouver Humane Society in September as their Lead Researcher. I knew that I wanted to pursue innovative, progressive research and policy solutions in my work, and I have had a lifelong passion for animal activism, so this is a dream job for me.

I am currently working on a provincial government-funded research project entitled “Taking a Trauma-Informed, Decolonized Approach to Assisting Structurally Vulnerable People with Addressing Animal Neglect”. The goal of this research is to update the practices and processes of the animal services sector towards a One Welfare, trauma-informed, and decolonized approach, and to develop a training course in order to result in systemic change within animal service agencies and beyond. We will be presenting this research at the National Animal Welfare Conference in April 2021. I am incredibly grateful to be able to engage in this important work, where I aim to bridge social equity, anti-oppression practice, and decolonization work together with animal protection endeavours.

I am also really enjoying putting my qualitative research skills and knowledge into practice. So, if you are entering post-grad life soon, I have three pieces of unsolicited advice:

1) Be kind to yourself! You just accomplished a huge feat, so take some time to celebrate, relax, and know that it’s okay if it takes you a little, or a long, while to get your footing in the ‘real world’.

2) Network. Reach out to folks that you’ve crossed paths with during your time at UVic, especially if they work in a field you’re interested in. They may know of available opportunities and positions, or they can provide some helpful insights. Finally,

3) Be patient. The right opportunity for you will come along when it’s supposed to (cheesy but true).

Alexi Hu
I work as a data analyst/epidemiologist at Community-Based Health Equity Research Group in the School of Public Health and Social Policy at UVic for Dr. Nathan Lachowsky. I am currently working on a couple of research projects with my research team, such as the COVID-19 survey on GBTQ2+ communities, LGBTQ+ youth experience policing and discrimination, and BC crystal meth use and intervention.

This research job is a great niche for me as a perfect middle ground between academia and policy changing and a seamless transition between school and career.

Renee O’Leary
I opened my own research consulting business, 21st Century Literature Reviews, after I graduated with my PhD from the UVic Social Dimensions of Health program in June 2018. As of May 2019, I have been working for the Center of Excellence for the Acceleration of Harm Reduction at the University of Catania, Italy, with the title of External Researcher.

I initially worked remotely, and then moved to Catania in March this year just as the COVID lock-down was enacted. My project, In Silico Science, is a living systematic review of the health effects of e-cigarette substitution for cigarette users. The project is slated to run through August 2022. Certainly far afield from my first love, Sociology, but in line with my PhD research.

I have become a methods specialist in evidence synthesis, also known as literature reviews. I LOVE this method of research!

Nicola Temmel
Nicola is excited to share the news of the birth of her baby daughter, Charlie Ruth, who was born on September 30, 2020.

Congratulations!
# Congratulations to our Undergraduate Student Rising Stars!!

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Sociology faculty and staff gather with some of the award-winning students (see full list, preceding page) at the Social Sciences Rising Stars celebration in January 2020. (Back row, from left) Steve Garlick, Peyman Vahabzadeh, Melina Cortina Castro, Caitlin Chong, Natalia Gagne, Hanna Jacobsen; (front row, left) Karen Kobayashi, Acting Associate Dean, Academic Nilanjana Roy; Talya Jesperson, Kristyn Merritt, Megan Ingram and Ruth Kampen.

BOSS Update: 2019-20

BOSS started the new school year (2019) by hosting a faculty and student welcome event – lots of pizza was consumed over interesting conversation!

In the new year, BOSS, along with the undergraduate committee and department hosted a free showing of this year’s Best Movie - Parasite on February 27, 2020. Soft drinks and popcorn were provided and enjoyed! On March 7, 2020 they hosted a fundraiser for Unist’ot’en with a 20’s theme: Come Roar! 20’s Karaoke, held at Felicita’s pub.

Honours Program

The Sociology honours program offers dedicated undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in original, innovative, cutting-edge research under the supervision of a faculty member. The program provides a high level of training in critical reading, writing, and thinking. Interested students should contact Andre Smith, Honours Advisor at apsmith@uvic.ca.

This year’s students are: Sicily Fox, Megan Ingram, Hanna Jacobsen, Brooke MacNab, Dorothy Poon, Yang Yang.

2019-20 Honours Student Research Presentations:


Talya Jesperson: “Creating Context for the Democratization of Technology.”


Caroline Lauder: “Will Brands Change the World? Thinking Critically about Voting with your Dollar.”

Melina Cortina Castro: “Impermanent Workers, Permanent Labour: Exploring the Lived Experiences of Mexican Seasonal Agricultural Workers in BC.”

Caitlin Chong: “Reading Relations: A Phenomenological Exploration of Settler Colonialism in Chinese-Canadian Literature.”


Rosemary McAllister: “Nothing about Us Without Us? Self Advocacy & Public Consultation on Accessibility in BC.”

National Recognition For Hanna

Undergrad student Hanna Jacobsen (SOCI/Gender Studies) is one of just 10 students in Canada to be awarded a $5,000 3M National Student Fellowship for 2020. The Fellowship honours outstanding leadership in academia and is supported by the Council of 3M Fellows and the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE).
Publications & Conference Presentations
Faculty, adjunct professor, sessional instructor and graduate student names are in bold.

Books

Articles


**Book Chapters**


Kobayashi, K.M. & Khan, M. (Forthcoming). In I. Rootman (eds), Health Promotion and Older Adults. Toronto: Canadian Scholars.


**Reports**


Presentations
(Conference Papers/Invited/Guest Speaker/Posters)


**Benoit, C.** *Sex Trafficking vs. Prostitution: The Need for Evidence-Based Laws and Policies.* Elder Academy series: Sex, Drugs and Alcohol: Use and Overuse, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC. 2020.


**Browning, S. & Penning, M.J.** *Social Location and Physical and Mental Health in Middle and Later Life: Assessing the Impact of Intersections among Age, Gender and Immigrant Status.* Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Canadian Association on Gerontology, Moncton, NB, October 24-26, 2019.


**Devor, A.** Invited Address: Honorary Doctorate Citation Oration for Martine Rothblatt, UVic Convocation, Nov. 2019.

**Devor, A.** Transgender Archives, The Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity Commemorate Canada Program, Vic High, Feb. 2020

**Devor, A.** Invited Talk, Transgender People and Jewish Law, Jewish Community Centre, Victoria, Feb. 2020

**Devor, A.** Invited Talk, FLUID opening, Legacy Gallery, Jan. 2020


Hongmei T., Kobayashi K., Lin, S., Davison K., & Fuller-Thomson E. *Refugee status Doubles the Odds of Psychological Distress in mid-to-late life: Findings from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA)*, Accepted for presentation at the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2020, July 15 -18, 2020, Calgary, AB.


**Kobayashi, K.** Invited Presentation – *United Way of the Lower Mainland Provincial Summit on Aging.* Richmond, BC, November 5, 2019. Presentation on *Embedding Health Care Technologies in Real-World Contexts: Developing the Scale-Up, Spread and Sustainability of Assistive Technologies in Homes, Communities, and Health Care Systems.*


Vahabzadeh, P. Trump and Iran. Public talk invited by Middle East Discussion Group, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, January 17, 2020.

Vahabzadeh, P. Roundtable Presenter on “Irán a 40 años de revolución: sociedad, Estado y relaciones exteriores.” Presented to “Sectarianismo y Justicia Social en análisis a diez años de las revueltas populares árabes.” Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico City, October 5-7, 2020 (October 5). Online Conference.


Other Resources

Whether you’re an instructor looking for new ways to connect with students, or a student struggling with the challenges of a tough class schedule, or life in general, you’ve got options at UVic.

Edwin Hodge (below) talks about strategies for online discussions on Nov. 24, while UVic Support Connect (pamphlet, right) offers mental health support 24/7 for students, toll free and online.

NEW! Daily Drop-In Support for Instructors
Your LTSI Support Teams are available to help you with any online teaching needs you have, both technological and pedagogical. Join our live drop-in help for Faculty, instructors and staff.

You can also email itsisupport@uvic.ca, visit Teach Anywhere and review the FAQ in Instructor Help.

Taking Care of Students
The new Student Wellness Centre, located outside Ring Road across from CARSA, provides a range of holistic care to support UVic students’ emotional, physical and spiritual well being.
Click on the link above to take a virtual tour, or call them at 250-721-8563.